

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in Assam

2759. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the total amount sanctioned to Assam under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan during the last three years and the actual amount utilized by the State Government;
- (b) Government's reaction to the anomalies and misappropriation of funds sanctioned for SSA to the State Government as reported in various media and sources; and
- (c) the actual achievement in universalisation of elementary education in Assam through SSA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) The details of release of funds to Assam under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and utilization during the last three years is as under:—

Year GOI	share released	(Rs. in lakh)
		Amount Utilized*
2003-04	14798.94	22336.13
2004-05	16654.00	22604.96
2005-06	17850.00	22714.59
TOTAL	49302.94	67655.68

*Including State share and opening balance.

(b) A sum of Rs. 3674.35 lakh had been diverted from SSA funds for distribution of free text books to ineligible boys. The Central Government has asked the State Government to reimburse this amount to SSA.

(c) As per an independent survey in 2005, the number of children out of school in the age group 6—13 years in Assam, was estimated at 5.36 lakhs.